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SUBJECT: NEW EFFORT TOWARD COALITION GOVERNMENT IN ICELAND

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ICELAND'S PROGRESSIVE PARTY CHAIRMAN JOHANNESSEN HAS FAILED TO GET THE SOCIAL DEMOCRATS TO GO ALONG IN A LEFTIST COALITION AND WILL NOW TURN TO THE INDEPENDENCE PARTY.

IN A RADIO INTERVIEW TODAY, JOHANNESSEN SAID BOTH ECONOMIC AND DEFENSE ISSUES LED TO THE BREAKDOWN OF TALKS AMONG THE PROGRESSIVES, SOCIAL DEMOCRATS, LIBERAL LEFTISTS, AND COMMUNISTS. HE SAID THE SOCIAL DEMOCRATS' DEMANDS WERE THE BIGGEST OBSTACLE. THE SOCIAL DEMOCRATS MAY HAVE INSISTED THAT THERE BE NO TIME LIMIT FOR WITHDRAWAL OF US FORCES FROM THE KEFLAVIK BASE.

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THE PROGRESSIVES HAVE SET 1976 AS THE TARGET DATE FOR WITHDRAWAL AND THE COMMUNISTS WANT IMMEDIATE EVACUATION.

A PROGRESSIVE-INDEPENDENCE COALITION WOULD MAKE PROSPECTS BRIGHTER FOR RETENTION OF THE REFLAVIK BASE. THE INDEPENDENCE PARTY IS PRO-NATO AND WANTS TO CONTINUE THE DEFENSE AGREEMENT WITH THE US.

NEGOTIATIONS BETWEEN THE PROGRESSIVES AND THE INDEPENDENCE PARTY, HOWEVER, WILL BE DIFFICULT. LAST MONTH JONAHNESSON REJECTED AN INDEPENDENCE PARTY INITIATIVE TO FORM A COALITION AND THERE IS LONGSTANDING PERSONAL ANIMOSITY BETWEEN JONAHNESSON AND INDEPENDENCE PARTY LEADER MALLGRIMSSON. IN ADDITION, OBJECTIONS ARE LIKELY FROM MEMBERS OF THE INDEPENDENCE PARTY, ICELAND'S LARGEST, TO THE PROGRESSIVES' PLAYING THE DOMINANT ROLE SHOULD THE TWO PARTYS JOIN RANKS. E-2 IMPDET.

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